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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby calls the following information to the Examiner's attention:

A copy of a Canadian Office Action mailed on April 16, 2003 with respect to related Application No. 2,283,337 is enclosed, in which U.S. Patent No. 5,668,857 to McHALE, which issued on September 16, 1997 is cited.

A copy of a Chinese Office Action mailed on March 28, 2003 with respect to related Application No. 99800028.0 is enclosed, in which U.S. Patent No. 5,668,857 (mentioned above) is cited.

Applicant notes that the above-listed document was previously cited in Information Disclosure Statements filed on June 30, 1999 and January 23, 2003 in the instant application. Therefore, a copy of the above-cited document is not enclosed herewith. However, copies of the Canadian and Chinese Office Actions are enclosed to complete the record.

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Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider and cite this patent document. The above-cited document has been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate space on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents in the manner considered by the Canadian and Chinese Offices to complete the record in the present application.

As noted above, the document cited herein were previously cited to the Examiner.

Accordingly, Applicant submits that it is not necessary to pay any governmental fee at this time.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed number.

Respectfully submitted, Stephen PALM

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